

WORKING FOR TRADE

Committees of Business Men's Association at Fredericksburg Try to Arrange Schedules.

A TEMPERANCE MEETING

Stockholders' Meeting of Rappahannock Valley Agricultural and Mechanical Society.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 2.—At a meeting of the Business Men's Association last night A. P. Rowe, chairman of the Public Interest Committee, reported that the People's Bank at the company had agreed to restore the schedule of the river steamer Tourist, so as to leave here at 11 o'clock A. M. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, instead of 1:30 A. M. as at present. If the business men of the city would take stock in the company to the extent of \$1,000, a committee, composed of Messrs. Strassburger, Thomas and Brent, was appointed to solicit stock and report to the association. The merchants present do not claim that the present schedule does not please the people from the Rappahannock Valley time to make their purchases while here.

A committee, composed of Messrs. Jones, Bradley and Cole, was appointed to confer with the Weems Steamboat Company and ascertain what permanent facilities that line will afford in the way of bringing trade from along the Rappahannock River to this city. It is expected that the committee will report at the next meeting of the association, and the information which will be conveyed by the reports is awaited with interest. The subject is one of vital importance to Fredericksburg.

FAIR STOCKHOLDERS.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Rappahannock Valley Agricultural and Mechanical Society, Captain M. B. Rowe, the president, read his annual report, showing the society to be in excellent condition, and the report of the secretary, Captain S. J. Quinn, showed a balance of \$334.44 in the treasury, which is probably a better financial condition than can be shown by any other agricultural society in the State. The following officers were elected for 1904: President, C. H. Harkamp; Vice-Presidents, W. S. Emery, M. B. Chancellor, J. P. Rowe, J. T. Lively, D. M. Lee, A. W. Wallace, L. R. Collier, William H. Richards, Benjamin Goldsmith, J. R. Ahrich, T. J. Arnold; Secretary and Treasurer, S. J. Quinn; Board of Directors, C. H. Harkamp, J. P. Rowe, J. T. Lively, D. M. Lee, C. G. Cagle, St. George R. Fitzhugh, S. J. Quinn, J. B. Gray, John M. Griffin, Alex. Pratt, S. B. Bradford, A. T. Emery, Henry D. Sale, H. B. Lane, Henry D. Sale, T. J. Lively, T. McCracken, A. P. Rowe, A. M. Cole, G. W. Shepherd, T. J. Haydon, James R. Raylins, T. P. Morrison, L. V. Landrum, W. D. Carter and G. T. Bulware.

Carloads of material are arriving here to be used in building the new telephone line of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, which will take the place of the old local line which has been used for years. The new line will connect with the long distance system throughout the country.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.

Allegedly attended last night in the Methodist Church under the auspices of the local Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The principal feature of the occasion was an interesting address by Mr. Howard H. Hoge of Loudoun county, who is State president of the organization.

M. Lallie Brooks, of Pamouth, who was accidentally shot by his companion on Thanksgiving Day while hunting, is improving.

The farmers of the surrounding country are beginning to slaughter large hogs for market. It is yet early in the season, and the hogs are not yet brought in so far as two which aggregated 103 pounds, brought from Stafford by Mr. Henry Rose.

Captain S. J. Quinn, grand senior warden of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the city, and Mr. Maurice Hirsch are representing Lodge No. 4, of this city, at a meeting of the Grand Lodge now in session in Richmond.

SYNOD WORK.

Evangelistic Committee Elects Superintendent.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Dec. 2.—The evangelistic committee of the Synod of Virginia, composed of distinguished ministers and laymen, representing every Presbytery of the Synod, which includes the States of Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland, met last night in the parlors of the Presbyterian Church to work for the ensuing year.

The choice of superintendent fell upon the Rev. J. E. Booker, of Lexington, Va., who is to give his entire time to the work, to visit the evangelistic fields and have a personal knowledge of their needs, and to visit the stronger churches, to give them information and elicit their interest in the work.

The two questions that called out the most earnest discussion were the relation of the synodical work to the presbytery work, so as to avoid all complications and diversities of interest, and the election of a treasurer—whether he should be the superintendent himself or some one else. The work itself is intended to help weak churches and to organize new churches, with special regard

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Every member of the committee was present at the meeting, as follows: W. E. Laird, F. M. Woods, J. C. Painter, L. B. Johnston, E. B. McCluer, L. W. Irwin, L. A. McLean, Holmes Ralston, Ernest Thompson, C. A. Gilkison, W. McC. White, E. L. Wilson, G. H. Gilmore, George F. Askie, J. B. Craig and George Perkins.

TARIFF RATE CASE

AGAINST C. & O. RAILWAY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 2.—The hearing of argument in the suit of the Interstate Commerce Commission vs. the Chesapeake and Ohio and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, which began here yesterday, was concluded to-night. The commission charges the Chesapeake and Ohio with not observing its tariff rates in hauling coal from West Virginia to Newport News for shipment to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

This is the first proceedings brought for an injunction under the well known Elkins law, which has for its purpose the prohibition of rebates and other concessions in railroad tariff rates. The case is of greatest importance to shippers and carriers throughout the country. Judge McDowell, who presided in the hearing, has taken the case under advisement, and will render a decision, it is thought, in about thirty days.

This points involved will be finally passed upon by the Supreme Court.

BATTLE'S APPOINTMENT

HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANOKE, VA., Dec. 2.—The appointment of W. S. Battle, Jr., Norfolk and Western agent at Norfolk claim agent to succeed A. P. Carter, deceased, was officially announced to-day. He takes charge on the 10th.

Did Not Starve.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHATHAM, VA., Dec. 2.—The last week in October an article was reported from this place of the starving to death of Mrs. M. B. Kendrick and her daughter, near Muesville, which has been denied by the best citizens of that community, who say that the family was furnished supplies by them in order to prevent their being carried to the almshouse, and that a brother of Mr. Kendrick provided them a house on his own place. The opinion of the coroner was that death was due to some stomach trouble thought to have been caused from eating grapes. The community in which this family resides is one of the most hospitable in the county, and the citizens are very much wrought up that such reports had originated.

Muesville is several miles from this place and the sad news reached here from very reputable citizens who had been misinformed. One of the family that suffered a like attack at the same time has never recovered.

CRUSHES OUT THE LIFE

The most loathsome and repulsive of all living things is the serpent, and the vilest and most degrading of all human diseases is Contagious Blood Poison. The serpent sinks its fangs into the flesh and almost instantly the poison passes through the entire body. Contagious Blood Poison, beginning with a little ulcer, soon contaminates every drop of blood and spreads throughout the whole system. Painful swellings appear in the groins, a red rash and copper colored spots break out on the body, the mouth and throat become ulcerated, and the hair and eye brows fall out; but these symptoms are mild compared to the wretchedness and suffering that come in the latter stages of the disease when it attacks the bones and more vital parts of the body. It is then that Contagious Blood Poison is seen in all its hideousness. The deep eating abscesses and sickening ulcers and tumors show the whole system is corrupted and poisoned, and unless relief comes soon this serpent disease tightens its coils and crushes out the life. The only antidote for the awful virus is S. S. S. It is nature's remedy, composed entirely of vegetable ingredients. S. S. S. destroys every vestige of the poison, purifies the blood and removes all danger of transmitting the awful taint to others. Nothing else will do this. Strong mineral remedies, like mercury and potash, dry up the sores and drive in the disease, but do not cure permanently. Send for our home treatment book and write us if in need of medical advice or special information. This will cost you nothing.

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FAIRVIEW SHOOTING

Sheriff Goes After Catron, But Doubt of His Being Able to Come to Jail.

ONE OF THE INDICTED DIES

Mrs. Rogan, Who Shot Herself With a Pistol, is Recovering.

New National Bank.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GATE CITY, VA., Dec. 2.—Sheriff B. J. Broadwater left yesterday afternoon for Fairview, where he went for the purpose of bringing J. H. Catron to Gate City. It will be remembered that Catron is one of the parties indicted for shooting J. W. Auston and I. E. Nickle in an election riot at Fairview on November 3d. Some doubt is expressed as to the defendant's being able to be removed at this time, not having fully recovered from the effects of the wound which he received.

Barnett, one of the parties indicted for participating in the crime, is in jail here awaiting trial in default of bail. Kirk Scott, who was indicted, has not been arrested and his whereabouts are not known. A. A. Keys, who was indicted for complicity in the shooting, died from the wound received.

TRIAL TO COME UP.

Catron and Barnett's trial will come up at the next term of the County Court, which convenes on December 14th. There are a number of witnesses recognized in the case and there is a widespread interest manifested by both the friends of the defendants and prosecution.

Counsel concerned in the matter of contesting the legality of the election at the Fairview voting precinct went to that place yesterday and will begin taking depositions to-day. The contest was instituted in behalf of B. J. Broadwater, sheriff, the present incumbent, and several other officers. This is a matter raised before the Court of Appeals at Richmond, at this term of court, compelling the commissioners of election to certify the returns of the Fairview voting precinct. The vote counted at this place elects C. Broadwater, the present sheriff, is elected.

MRS. ROGAN GETTING WELL.

Mrs. J. D. Rogan, of Arcadia, who about ten days ago accidentally shot herself with a pistol shot into her breast, is all alive and hopes for a speedy recovery are entertained. The wound at first was thought to be fatal.

A national bank will be organized and put in operation in Gate City by January 1st. Prominent bankers and citizens of this county will be concerned.

OFFICERS CHOSEN.

Stonewall Jackson Camp Holds Regular Monthly Meeting.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SAULTON, VA., Dec. 2.—At the regular monthly meeting of Stonewall Jackson Camp last night the following nominations were made for the coming year: Commander, Dr. E. P. Wayman; First Lieutenant, Commander Dr. Carter; Second Lieutenant, Commander Dr. Carter; Third Lieutenant, Commander Dr. Carter; Quartermaster, J. E. Water; Commissary, George W. Nelson; Adjutant, T. A. Pace; Sergeant, J. E. Water; Chaplain, J. E. Water; and a resolution was adopted by the Legislature to authorize the board of supervisors to erect a Confederate monument in the courthouse yard.

At the first meeting of the daily paper, "The New Nation," under the management of Mr. R. D. Halslip, its editor, made its appearance yesterday for the first time.

County Treasurer J. N. McFarland yesterday paid off the balance of the debt on the new courthouse.

At their meeting last night the City Council suspended the fireworks ordinance for Christmas and New Year.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Printer Borrows Knife and Tries to Cut His Throat.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SOUTH FOSTER, VA., Dec. 2.—A. H. M. Smith, a printer engaged in the office of the Halifax Gazette, attempted to commit suicide at 10 o'clock last night in the reading room of the hotel where he was staying. He was found by the manager, who immediately called a doctor and the knife was removed from his hand. He is now recovering from the wound.

In a few moments he was slashing his throat with the knife and he was found by the manager, who immediately called a doctor and the knife was removed from his hand. He is now recovering from the wound.

When asked by friends this morning why he attempted the rash act his reply was that he had no recollection of anything that had happened, except the borrowing of the knife.

County Treasurer Gran Craddock reports that people are paying their taxes very promptly, and that he is able to render the best report he has ever made to the auditor.

R. R. Noblin has purchased from Arthur Coleman a tract of land of 955 acres; price paid \$8,000.

PROBING INTO THE HANDLEY ESTATE

All of the County Officers of Frederick Are Delinquent.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINCHESTER, VA., Dec. 2.—In a quiet but determined way the City Council last night resolved to probe into the conduct of officers of the city estate of the late Judge John Handley, of Scranton, Pa., the bulk of which was left to this city. The Handley trustees, who have invested over \$17,000 in Virginia bonds, as directed by the will, have not made a report for nearly two years, although the legislative act requires them to report to the Council once a year at least.

The Handley executors have not paid out any money for a year, and Major Holmes Conrad and James B. Russell are about to have the Hotel Winchester property, worth over \$100,000, sold to satisfy their mortgages for the land, which they bought for \$12,000 and sold for \$25,000. They have also taken liens on 254 lots of the city's property in Scranton and are well secured.

The Council is making a desperate effort to save the city's property from being gobbled up for a song.

Owing to a misunderstanding nearly all of the county officers recently elected failed to file a statement of campaign expenses, and as the time expired for election, very few had any opposition and spent no money, but nevertheless they are required to file a statement with the court clerk.

MUNYON'S PAW-PAW

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(Signed) MRS. MARGARET STECK.

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Oct. 24, 1903.

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GROWERS OF FRUIT

Virginia State Horticultural Society in Annual Session in Pulaski.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PULASKI, VA., Dec. 2.—The meeting of the Virginia State Horticultural Society opened here this morning at 11 o'clock, with prayer delivered by Rev. J. B. Morton, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Acting Mayor Thornton L. Muesle then delivered, in a few appropriate remarks, an address of welcome on behalf of the president of the society, Judge S. B. Woods, of Charlottesville.

Judge Woods dwelt at length on the inefficiency of the scale law. The minutes of the last session were then read and approved, after which Hon. C. W. Kohn of Richmond, gave an interesting and valuable talk on how to fight the scale.

Handling fruit for cold storage was the subject of G. W. Powell, of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington.

A number of committees were appointed, after which there was an interesting report from the secretary and treasurer.

By interesting talks, S. H. Derby, of Woodside, Delaware, gave an instructive talk on apple culture in Delaware, and details of spraying. H. E. Vandemere, of New York, gave a paper on "Old Orchard and How to Care for Them."

The subject of "Small Canning Factories in Virginia" was discussed at length. The following reports were then read, approved and accepted:

Transportation, by Walter Whately, on Stone Fruit, by Hon. George E. Murray, on Fruit List, by Professor A. B. Alwood.

The evening's session was taken up by Professor Alwood, of Blacksburg, on "Some Orchard Troubles and Remedies Thereof," with lantern illustrations.

The exhibits equal those of last year, and by some are considered better. A large number of members are in attendance, to whom a banquet will be tendered to-morrow night at Hotel Pulaski.

Richmonders in New York.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Miss C. R. Tinsley, T. G. Leath, Hoffman, J. T. Ellison, C. B. Neal, Barthold, J. McIntyre and wife.

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DELINQUENCY CHARGED

Board of Supervisors Investigate Treasurer Powell's Accounts and Report to Court.

POWELL SCORES ENEMIES

Charges the Supervisors With Dereliction of Duty and Alleges Political Prosecution.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BLACKSTONE, VA., Dec. 2.—The investigation which has been going on for the past several months by the Board of Supervisors of this town, county into the affairs of County Treasurer J. L. Powell was brought to a temporary conclusion yesterday, when the board decided to report the result of their investigation thus far reached to the County Court for such action as the court might see fit to take in the matter.

The report of the Board of Supervisors, which will be made to the court on Thursday next, this being the day of its regular term, will show the following:

The county treasurer being called upon for a full settlement of the affairs of his office and an exhibit of the delinquent tax tickets covering the period of his incumbency, which has amounted to twelve years, it was found that there was a shortage of about \$28 in the amount of tax from delinquent land sales. This the treasurer has made good.

DELINQUENT TAXES.

In the matter of delinquent tax tickets, personal property and plantation taxes in difference of about \$1,600 was found of what should be in his hands and what he exhibited as being in his possession. These facts were brought out at a meeting of the supervisors two weeks ago, when it was reported that some returned delinquent had their tax receipts in their possession, which accounted for some of the missing tickets for the \$1,000, and that there were also some duplicate tickets, one being a delinquent and the other a returned delinquent. The supervisors postponed making their report and advertised in the local papers for any of the above tickets, these to be handed them on or before yesterday, the date set for their adjournment.

At the meeting of the board on yesterday there were about one hundred of these tickets, which had been reported as delinquent, amounting to about \$170,000, which the treasurer had failed to report, and which he had sold to some of his deputies. Among these were fourteen which appeared to have been furnished.

REPORT TO COURT.

With this evidence before them, and among other things, the Board of Supervisors, who were present in their official capacity, the supervisors ordered the clerk to transmit to the County Court all the above facts for such action as they may see fit to take, and also to place the matter to the Auditor of Public Accounts for the State for his information and guidance.

The board further employed the county sheriff to take the property alleged to be in the possession of the treasurer, and to see, as far as possible, all persons whose names appeared thereon and obtain from them any receipt for the same. The sheriff will be made to the board at a meeting.

While reports, based upon the above, were circulated prior to the recent election the facts were not fully known, and the treasurer and his friends stated at the time that they were being done for political effect, and that when given the time and opportunity he could easily explain any discrepancies which might appear in his accounts. There are those who hope and believe he will be able to do this.

MR. POWELL'S DEFENSE.

At the recent election Mr. Powell was re-elected by a good majority over his nearest competitor and only lacking a few votes of securing a majority of both of them, there being two. This but showed what had always been considered, that he was one of the most popular men in the county. Prior to being elected treasurer twelve years ago he served eight years as sheriff.

Mr. Powell is a member of Jonesboro Baptist Church in which he is an officer, and has always stood high. He is also president of the Farmers' Bank of this town, and his home is at Forkland, six miles from this place, where he has an interesting family, all of his children being grown. He has always been regarded as an excellent treasurer, extremely thrifty and careful in his management, and over with leniency towards the slow taxpayer.

In explanation of the facts as brought out by the investigation of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Powell places the blame for the discrepancies upon the board, saying that he was ignorant of the law requiring him to turn over to the county clerk the delinquent tax tickets, and the board not requiring him to do so, and thereby being derelict in their duty these tickets became mixed with some solvent tickets and were collected by him or his deputies by mistake.

He also further places blame upon the supervisors for not having been notified of the law requiring him to turn these tickets over to the clerk, there were no laws, and smaller inspectors list, and the tickets not being in his possession could not have been collected by him.

A GARD.

In a card, which will appear in the local paper on Friday, Mr. Powell also scores his political adversaries for the part taken against him. In this he brings in other matters besides the one at issue, and closes his article with the statement that if he is to lose the county anything he is ready to pay it.

The rasping given the board in this article by Mr. Powell and the blow he strikes at his political opponents will doubtless have a great effect on the excited interest taken in the affair, and cause a shaking up in the county such as has not been seen in a long while. But little else has been discussed upon the streets here to-day, save the investigation and report of the supervisors, which will be made to the County Court to-morrow.

RICHMOND BURGLAR IN TOOLS OF THE LAW

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GLOUCESTER COURTHOUSE, VA., Dec. 2.—James M. Nelson, purporting to be a burglar, was caught with burglar tools in his possession, was caught last night trying to get into Mr. Albert Tallafiero's store, at Gloucester Point, Mr. Minor, sheriff agent, saw the man at the store door and immediately telephoned to Mr. Tallafiero's residence.

Mr. Tallafiero's colored man, Lucien Lewis, who was up and dressed at the time, started with his gun to the store and had the burglar in charge when Mr. Tallafiero arrived.

Nelson had cut a hole in the store door, and was sent on to the grand jury by the magistrate, and is now in jail at Gloucester Courthouse.

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AGAINST MANN LAW

Judge Hankel Refuses to Revoke License Where Former Proprietor Violates the Law.

ELOPERS HAVE TROUBLES

Telegraph and Telephone Used Without Avail to Stop Marriage of Portsmouth Couple.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 2.—The Mann liquor law received a solar plexus blow to-day in what was conceived to be one of its strongest points by a decision of Judge Alan R. Hankel, of the Corporation Court.

He declined to revoke the license granted R. D. McFetridge to sell liquor in a saloon closed up by the court under the Mann law. The former proprietor, Capps, had been convicted of selling liquor to minors. It was held by the Commonwealth that the sale of liquor would be forever prohibited in a bar where the law has once been violated.

Judge Hankel ruled against the view and construed the statute which he denominated a highly penal statute, literally. No assumption of the law's intent is allowed by the court, and in the absence of specific prohibition of the sale of liquor at old prohibition of the sale of liquor in places where license have been revoked, the place, it is held, may be reopened by other parties.

E. J. Deneen was to-day named as receiver for Albert Stahl, the missing counsellor, who has been unexplainedly